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## WASHINGTON, D.C. UPDATE

### Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act (H.R. 1108)

On April 2, 2008, the House Energy and Commerce Committee approved, 38 to 12, H.R. 1108 (Waxman, D-CA), a County-supported bill which would grant the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) the authority to regulate the manufacture, marketing, and distribution of tobacco products. The bill also would give the FDA regulatory authority to restrict the advertising and promotion of tobacco products, including advertising that targets children.

It is expected that House floor action on H.R. 1108 will take place in the near future. A companion bill, S. 625 (Kennedy, D-MA), which was approved last year by the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee, is awaiting Senate floor action.

### Pursuit of County Position on Legislation

**Summer Jobs Stimulus Act of 2008:** On March 13, 2008, the Summer Jobs Stimulus Act of 2008 (S. 2755), which would appropriate \$1 billion for summer youth workforce development and training programs was introduced by Senator Patty Murray (D-WA). The bill is intended to address rising unemployment among youth, which reached a two-year high of 18 percent in January 2008, while, at the same time, providing an immediate economic stimulus. Research by the Center for Labor Market Studies has

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found that each dollar earned by a teenager has a \$3 multiplier effect on the local economy. Funding provided by the bill would be available through December 31, 2008.

The Workforce Investment Act (WIA) of 1998 replaced a previous stand-alone Summer Youth Employment Program with a Youth Grant, which allows funds to be spent on summer employment opportunities linked to academic and occupational learning. However, a number of WIA's youth performance indicators, in effect, discourage the use of WIA funds for summer youth employment activities. Under S. 2755, such performance indicators would not be applied to the summer youth employment and training programs funded under the bill.

The County's Department of Community and Senior Services and my office support S. 2755. Support for the bill is consistent with policies in the County's Federal Legislative Agenda supporting increased WIA funding, including for youth activities, the use of WIA funds for stand-alone summer youth programs, and local flexibility in setting performance goals. **Therefore, the County's Washington, D.C. advocates will support S. 2755 or similar legislation.** S. 2755 has been referred to Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee, which has not scheduled any hearings on the bill.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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